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SUBJECT: RWANDAN PRESIDENT VISITS LIBYA

REF: KIGALI 190

1. RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA MADE A FULL SCALE OFFICIAL VISIT TO LIBYA MARCH 13 - 15, COMPLETE WITH FLAGS AND A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH LIBYAN CUSTOM, HE WAS MET AND ESCORTED BY PRIME MINISTER JALLUD, RATHER THAN COLONEL QADHAFI, BUT QADHAFI DID SPARE TIME FOR A MEETING WITH HIM DURING THE VISIT. THE LIBYAN PRESS, BLASE ABOUT AFRICAN PRESIDENTS, CONCENTRATED ON EXPLAINING WHERE RWANDA IS AND WHO LIVES THERE.

2. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE MAKES NO MENTION OF ANY SPECIFIC RESULTS FROM THE VISIT IN THE WAY OF LIBYAN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA, ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA IS QUOTED AS SAYING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE THAT THE TALKS WERE FRUITFUL AND ACHIEVED GOOD RESULTS. THE COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS LITTLE OF NOTE, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF ITS REFERENCE TO THE "DETERIORATING SITUATION IN THE ARAB AREA" (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIDDLE EAST). RWANDA IS SAID TO SUPPORT THE

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"LIBERATION OF PALESTINE BY ALL MEANS", AND TO CONSIDER

ZIONISM A RACIST MOVEMENT. (LIBYA'S POSITION ON THESE MATTERS IS PRESUMABLY TOO-WELL KNOWN TO NEED REITERATING.)

RWANDA ALSO IS SAID TO SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE SAHARAN PEOPLE, BUT NO MENTION IS MADE OF THE POLISARIO FRONT. THERE IS NO REFERENCE IN THE COMMUNIQUE TO LIBYAN-RWANDAN ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS (REFTEL).

3. COMMENT: AID TO AFRICAN STATES IS A SORE SUBJECT WITH LIBYANS, AND IT IS PERHAPS NOT SURPRISING THAT NO ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE MADE.  
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